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### City Seeks Proposals for 2015 Cultural Services

[SAVANNAH, Ga.] -- The City of Savannah's Cultural Affairs Commission has issued a "Call for Proposals" for the *2015 Contracts for Cultural & Arts Services* Program. In 2015, funding will be available in two program categories that each has specific funding criteria:

- **Core Investment Program** - This program is designed for the City to invest in the artistic mission of thriving established arts organizations with operating budgets of at least \$500,000. The organization must demonstrate artistic and administrative excellence and provide high quality arts services, expansive community outreach, and activities that promote Savannah as a cultural destination.

**NOTE:** *Any organization that intends to apply as a new applicant in the Core Investments category must first obtain DCA certification as an eligible organization.*

- **Cultural Projects Investment Program** - This program is designed for the City to invest in non-profit organizations and/or institutions of higher learning that provide high quality innovative arts services that increase access to cultural and creative experiences, support and facilitate skill development, inform the public about entrepreneurial avenues in the cultural sector, and nurture the local creative industry.

The goal of the Cultural Project Investment program is to offer all Savannah residents quality arts, cultural, and heritage services that are free and open to the public. Examples of projects/programs include festivals, education & outreach, concerts, and exhibitions.

To be eligible for consideration, an organization must have a non-profit 501(c) 3 status and be headquartered within the City of Savannah. Proposed programs must take place during the 2015 calendar year. Submitted proposals will be reviewed by the Cultural Affairs Commission, whose recommendations will be sent to the City Manager. The City Manager submits those recommendations to Mayor and Council for final funding approval.

Applications, guidelines, and program information will be available on the Department of Cultural Affairs website ([www.savannahga.gov/arts](http://www.savannahga.gov/arts)) or by contacting Crystal Northcutt at [cnorthcutt@savannahga.gov](mailto:cnorthcutt@savannahga.gov) or 912-644-7927. The deadline for application submittal is Friday, June 27, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

New applicants are required to have their proposals reviewed by DCA staff prior to submission. Proposal review dates for new applicants are May 26 – June 6, 2014. Returning applicants' proposals may be reviewed upon request if they are submitted no later than June 6, 2014.

Free workshops will be held to explain the *2015 Contracts for Cultural & Arts Services* process. The workshops will focus on funding programs, eligibility criteria, funding priorities, and the application process. The workshops are open to the public. Workshop dates and times are subject to change. Space is limited and registration is required.

Workshops will be held at the Department of Cultural Affairs' office, located at 9 W. Henry St., on the following dates:

- **MAY 7, 2014 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.**  
New Applicant Organizations or New Grant Writers at currently funded organizations
- **MAY 8, 2014 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.**  
Current or Prior Year Applicants
- **MAY 21, 2014 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**  
New Applicant Organizations or New Grant Writers at currently funded organizations
- **MAY 22, 2014 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.**  
Current or Prior Year Applicants

For more information or to register for a workshop, please contact Crystal Northcutt at 912-644-7927 or [cnorthcutt@savannahga.gov](mailto:cnorthcutt@savannahga.gov).

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